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SUBJECT: U. S. - RWANDA RELATIONS

1. IN TOUR D' HORIZON WITH AMBASSADOR LINDT, ADVISOR TO PRESIDENT KAYIBANDA, AMBASSADOR FERGUSON WAS REPEATEDLY INFORMED THAT KAYIBANDA WAS EXTREMELY DISAPPOINTED IN USG RESPONSE TO RWANDAN AID REQUEST.

2. ACCORDING TO LINDT, RWANDA PUT HIGH PRIORITY ON ROAD PROJECT AND HAS SEVERE RESERVATIONS ABOUT DEVELOPMENT OF TOURISM. LINDT STATES THAT PRESIDENT PARTICULARLY DISAPPOINTED IN VIEW OF STRONG POLITICAL SUPPORT RWANDA GAVE USG DURING LAST GENERAL ASSEMBLY. PRESIDENT FEELS RWANDA POSITION IN OAU WEAKENED AS A RESULT OF SUCH SUPPORT BUT THAT PRESIDENT HAD HOPED THAT POLITICAL SUPPORT WOULD HAVE BEEN FACTOR IN INDUCING USG TO UNDERTAKE ROAD PROJECT.

3. LINDT FURTHER STATED THAT MEMBERS OF THE PRESIDENCY
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OBJECTED TO PROPOSAL TO DEVELOP TOURISM ON TWO BASES: (A) FLOW OF TOURISM WOULD INEVITABLY DEPEND ON UGANDA WHICH IN OPINION OF MEMBERS OF PRESIDENCY WAS NOT VERY DEPENDABLE, AND (B) DEVELOPMENT OF TOURISM WOULD INEVITABLY CREATE ANOTHER PRIVILEGED CLASS, I. E. PAKISTANI ASIAN WHO IN OPINION OF SAME MEMBERS OF PRESIDENCY WILL NATURALLY ASSUME EXECUTIVE AND MANAGERIAL CONTROL OVER TOURISM UNDOUBTEDLY LEAVING AFRICAN AT BOTTOM AND HENCE CREATING ANOTHER DERISIVE ELEMENT IN RWANDAN SOCIETY.

4. AMBASSADOR FERGUSON INDICATED THAT SUBSTANCE OF LINDT'S REMARKS ON THIS AND OTHER SUBJECTS WOULD BE CONVEYED TO DEPARTMENT. AMBASSADOR FERGUSON WILL DEBRIEF ON OTHER MATTERS UPON HIS RETURN TO WASHINGTON. RIMESTAD UNQUOTE ROGERS

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